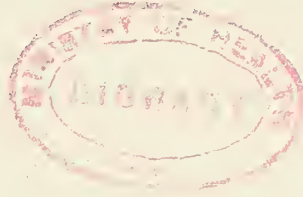


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CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



BRIEF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1943 BY

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TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

G.H.EARNSHAW, M.S.I.A..

31st December, 1943

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1943.

The experience of this year suggests that small progress will be made in dealing with overcrowding and unsanitary conditions in the Rural District until a great increase in the erection of new houses can be undertaken. The provision of 30 Agricultural workers cottages is a small step towards meeting the present housing deficiency.

The statistics with regard to notifiable diseases compared with 1942 show an increase of almost 100% in Scarlet Fever and of 50% in Measles.

Diphtheria showed a decrease of from 9 to 3 cases. This may be ascribed in part, at least, to the very complete immunisation against diphtheria which has been carried out. During the year 540 Children were immunised bringing the total of children immunised to 2,175.

Approximately 73% of under five year olds and 80% of 5-15 year olds are now immunised.

A small epidemic of Sonne dysentery occurred in a boarding school during the year. The symptoms were mild and the epidemic subsided rapidly.

In general I can again say that statistics show no obvious change for the worse in the health of the District as the result of the War.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R.J.R.MECREDY,

Medical Officer of Health.

THE CAISTOR DISTRICT consists of 40 Parishes and covers an area of 119,992 acres. It is entirely agricultural.

Population 1921 Census 12,670.

Population 1931 Census 12,648.

The rateable value of the District on the 1st April, 1943, was £28,671 and the product of the pony rate £164/-/2d for the year ending 31st March, 1944.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1943.

Birth Rate: per 1,000 estimated  
resident population mid 1943..... 17.612

Rate: per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births.... 18.030

Death Rate: per 1,000 estimated average population..... 13.939

DEATHS FROM PUPPERAL CAUSES.

Purperal Sepsis.	0
Other Purperal Causes.	1
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Total.	1
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DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

All infants per 1,000 live births..... 94.786

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate .....103.092

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births..... 0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)..... 18

Death from Measles (all ages)..... 0

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)..... 1

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)..... 0

Laboratory Facilities.

Examinations are carried out at the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, County Council Offices, Lincoln.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin, Anti-typhoid Serum, and Scarlet Fever Streptococcus Anti-toxin are supplied by the District Council.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For Infectious Cases. A motor ambulance is provided by the North East Lindsey Joint Hospital Board.
- (b) For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases. An agreement has been made with the Corporation of Grimsby for the removal of patients subject to certain conditions.  
This agreement has proved very satisfactory.

SUMMARY (for reference) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS,  
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT

Nursing in the Home.

As in previous reports.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

As in previous reports.

Hospitals - Isolation.

The North East Lindsey Joint Hospital Board isolates the whole of the Infectious Diseases for the District.

Midwifery and Maternity Services.

Administered by the Lindsey County Council.

Health Visitors.

The duties of the above are performed through the Lindsey County Council.

Infant Life Protection.

The duties of the above are performed through the Lindsey County Council.

Arrangements for Dental, Orthopaedic, etc., cases by the Lindsey County Council.

Registration of Nursing Homes by the Lindsey County Council.

## T U B E R C U L O S I S.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upward.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	3	1	2	2	-	-	1	-

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITALS.

36 Cases were admitted to the Hospital during  
the year.

Diphtheria	1	Pneumonia	-
Scarlet Fever.	35	Measles.	-
Typhoid Fever.	-	Peurperal Pyrexia	-
Erysipelas	-		

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease.	A g e s .											Totals	Deaths
	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65		
Smallpox.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	2	1	2	3	19	14	-	8	3	-	1	53	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Enteric Fever. (Including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
Pneumonia.	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	8	3
Other Diseases Generally. (Erysipelas)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	7	-
Other Diseases notifiable. locally. (Encephalitis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neonatorum.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
M e a s l e s .	12	20	20	14	59	19	7	5	1	-	-	157	-
Whooping Cough.	6	7	5	7	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	1	-	1	-	13	-



CAUSES OF DEATH IN CAISTOR  
RURAL DISTRICT 1943.

CIVILIANS ONLY.

	Causes of Death.	Male	Female
	All Causes.	96	71
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	-	-
2	Cerebro Spinal Fever.	-	-
3	Scarlet Fever.	-	-
4	Whooping Cough.	-	-
5	Diphtheria.	-	-
6	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	2	2
7	Other forms of Tuberculosis.	1	1
8	Syphilitic.	-	-
9	Influenza,	4	3
	M e a s l e s.	-	-
10	Ac. Polio-Myelitis and Policencephalitis.	-	-
11	Ac. Inf. Encephalitis.	1	-
12	Cancer of Buc. Cav. and Oesoph Uterus.	-	-
13	Cancer of Stomach, Duodenum.	1	3
14	Cancer of Breast.	-	1
15	Cancer of all other Sites.	10	3
16	Diabetes.	-	-
17	Inter-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	8	8
18	Heart Disease.	29	18
19	Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	1	4
20	Bronchitis.	1	1
	Pneumonia	1	2
21	Other Respiratory Diseases.	1	1
22	Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum.	-	-
23	Diarrhoea, under two years.	-	-
24	Appendicitis.	-	-
25	Other Digestive Diseases.	4	3
26	Nephritis.	2	1
27	Peurperal and Post.Abort. Sepsis.	-	-
28	Other Maternal Causes.	-	1
29	Premature Birth.	3	4
30	Con. Mal. Birth Inj. Infant Disease.	7	1
31	Suicide.	-	-
32	Road Traffic Accidents.	2	-
33	Other Violent Causes.	7	3
34	All other Causes.	11	11

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
CAISTOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my second Annual Report on my activities during the year 1943, and again it is pleasing to record that having regard to present circumstances, results are satisfactory.

Once again efforts were made to give close attention to the inspection of milk producers' premises and methods throughout the District but regular routine visits became impossible early in the Year and work in this connection has since been largely confined to investigation of unsatisfactory milks reported to me by the County Council under the Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme. In this way inspections were made where supervision and advice were needed most.

Following my request for an Assistant Sanitary Inspector, the Council resolved that a pupil be appointed and on the 30th August, 1943, Edward Storr commenced duty in my office. It is however likely that he will shortly be called upon for Military Service.

The erection of thirty Agricultural Cottages was commenced in July and the supervision of this work and the maintenance of your 171 other Council Houses were given regular attention throughout the year.

I have the honour to remain,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. EARNSHAW,

Sanitary Inspector.

PARTICULARS OF INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR.Infectious Diseases.

Investigations.	40
Revisits.	5
Visits re contacts.	3

Verminous Premises.

Inspected.	7
Reinspections.	14

Housing (Public Health Acts).

Houses inspected.	53
Houses reinspected.	56

Housing Acts.

Houses inspected.	40
Houses reinspected.	34
Inspections re overcrowding.	1

Inspections in relation to Food.

Bakehouses.	3
Cowsheds.	152
Fishmongers.	1
Fried Fish Shops.	2
Grocers Shops.	4
Meat Shops.	7
Restaurants.	4

General Sanitation.

Accumulations.	11
Ashbins.	8
Refuse Collection.	25
Common Lodging Houses.	8
Conveniencees.	29
Dirty Houses.	9
Dirty Persons.	8
Drainage.	85
Drain Tests.	13
Places of Entertainment.	3
Rats & Mice.	9
S c h o o l s.	1
Smoke Observations.	1
Water Supply.	30
Water Samples.	85
Yard Pavings.	2

<u>Totals.</u>	<u>668</u>
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FOOD INSPECTION.

Various foods examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption include:- Bacon, fish, butter, sugar, suet and tinned meat and fruits. Total weight: 356 lbs.

In accordance with the policy of the Ministry of Food the above has been forwarded to treatment centres for use other than for human consumption.